

2012 report from the Joint Select Committee on Article IX Litigation

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- Baseline report to provide context for future legislative reporting.
- *McCleary* ruling
- Establishment of Joint Select Committee
- Description of K-12 Finance system
 - Interaction between statutes and court rulings
 - Prototypical school funding formula
 - Recently enacted education reforms (ESHB 2261 and SHB 2776)

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- Overall budget context 2009-2013
 - Revenue and budget history
 - Discretionary vs. mandatory spending
 - Comparison of K-12 and other budget areas
- Ongoing legislative studies and activities
 - Standing committees
 - Joint Task Force on Education Funding
 - Quality Education Council

Response from *McCleary* plaintiffs

- Reporting process gives plaintiffs opportunity to respond to Committee's report.
- Plaintiffs' 2012 response argued that state failed to demonstrate "steady progress" toward implementing ESHB 2261 and "real and measurable progress" toward compliance with Article IX.
- Requested the court to take "firm action" if the 2013 budget failed to make "*significant*" progress toward full funding of ESHB 2261 reforms and Article IX compliance.